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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Operation Alert 1955

REFERENCE: Instruction to the Heads of Executive Departments
and Agencies from the Executive Office of the
President, Office of Defense Mobilization, subj:
Operation Alert 1955, dated 28 April 1955

1. It is my desire that CIA participate in the test of Emergency Relocation Plans and Facilities ("Operation Alert 1955" scheduled for 15, 16 and 17 June 1955) to the maximum extent consistent with the following criteria:

a. The day by day operating functions of CIA must not be impaired. To the extent that manpower must be diverted from essential current operations it must be restored by extra effort or overtime by persons carrying on current operations.

b. The working hours of all personnel redeployed to the relocation point for any or all of the three day test must be constructively used in orientation with or factual testing of the emergency plans and facilities.

2. In order that CIA's participation in this exercise can be planned and controlled in accordance with the above:

a. The DD/P, DD/I and DD/S shall each plan for the participation of appropriate elements under their jurisdiction. A planning mechanism should be established within each major component to guide and control intra-component planning and to coordinate such planning to assure consistency with the over-all Agency Plan.

b. A CIA Emergency Planning Task Force shall be established and shall consist of senior planning officials designated by each

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of the Deputy Directors. This Task Force shall develop the over-all plan and review the plans of the major components to assure over-all practicability and consistency.

c. The CIA Emergency Planning Officer shall perform his normal liaison and coordinating functions with the Office of Defense Mobilization and the emergency planning officials in other participating agencies and shall be Chairman of the CIA Emergency Planning Task Force.

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Director

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